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SUBJ: VISIT OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT B. WALLACE --

POPULATION CRISIS COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: FOUR-DAY VISIT OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT B. WALLACE TO PAKISTAN PROVIDED USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING ON FOOD AND POPULATION ISSUES WITH IMPORTANT GOP LEADERS AND PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE VEHICLE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF IDEAS AND POLICIES CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BY WALLACES AND MISSION. END SUMMARY.

1. ISLAMABAD SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

(A) WALLACES ARRIVED ISLAMABAD AUG. 12 MORNING.

RECEIVED USAID BRIEFINGS ON AGRICULTURE AND POPULATION.

MET AMBASSADOR BYROADE IN AFTERNOON. GOP SPECIAL

ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

KHUDA BAKSH BUCHA HOSTED DINNER FOR MR. WALLACE IN

EVENING ATTENDED BY 20 U.N., WORLD BANK, U.S. AND GOP

OFFICIALS INCLUDING SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC

AFFAIRS DIVISION, CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR PLANNING

COMMISSION, AND AMBASSADOR BYROADE.

(B) MEETINGS WERE HELD ON AUG. 13 WITH SPECIAL

ASSISTANT BUCHA AND AGRICULTURE SECRETARY YAKUB; DR.

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M.A. BHATTI, DIRECTOR GENERAL (U.N.), MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS; M. ALAUDDIN, COMMISSIONER POPULATION

PLANNING; AND UNDP RESREP KURT JANSSON. THERE FOLLOWED LONG WORKING LUNCH WITH ALAUDDIN AT HOME OF USAID AD/PHN. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BYROADE HOSTED DINNER THAT EVENING ATTENDED BY EDUCATION MINISTER PIRZADA, BUCHA, ALAUDDIN, PLANNING SECRETARY JAFAREY, NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN, AND USAID DIRECTOR.

(C) AUG. 14 WAS PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE DAY. USAID DIRECTOR AND MRS. WHEELER HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR WALLACES FOLLOWED BY LONG DISCUSSION WITH SOME TEN INVITED USAID AND EMBASSY OFFICERS AND THEIR WIVES. AMBASSADOR BYROADE ACCOMPANIED WALLACES ON LATE AFTERNOON APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO.

(D) MEETINGS TOOK PLACE ON AUG. 15 WITH FEDERAL HEALTH MINISTER SHAIKH RASHID; PLANNING SECRETARY JAFAREY; CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR PLANNING COMMISSION MOINUDDIN BAQAI; AND PIDE DIRECTOR M. L. QURESHI. INTERVIEW WITH PAKISTAN TELEVISION TAPED SAME AFTERNOON WHICH WAS SHOWN ON TV AUG. 17 EVENING.

2. WALLACES ACCCOMPANIED BY ONE OR MORE MISSION OFFICERS AT ALL ISLAMABAD APPOINTMENTS.

3. WALLACES FLEW TO LAHORE AUG. 15 EVENING AND JOINED REPRESENTATIONAL DINNER HOSTED BY CONSUL GRIFFIN, INCLUDING SENIOR PUNJAB MINISTER (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE) DR. ABDUL KHALIQ WITH SWHOM WALLACES HAD USEFUL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. MET TWO HOURS NEXT MORNING WITH FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP ACCOMPANIED BY CONGEN SPENGLER, WHO LATER HOSTED LUNCH ATTENDED BY FPA/P EXECUTIVE BEGUM JABEEN AND TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF TREC. WALLACES LEFT LAHORE LATE AFTERNOON AUG. 16 FOR KARACHI TO MAKE FLIGHT CONNECTION FOR BURCHAREST.

4. MEETINGS WITH GOP PROVED VERY USEFUL IN GETTING SENIORMOST OFFICIALS TO FOCUS ON FOOD AND POPULATION ISSUES AND NEED TO ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION OF BROAD RANGE OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IN PURSUIT OF EFFECTIVE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

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ILLUSTRATIVE OF MANY HIGHLIGHTS WERE: (A) STRONG INTEREST SHOWN BY MR. BUCHA IN POPULATION EFFORT; (B) SUPPORT BY MR. BUCHA FOR CONCEPT OF A SEPARATE RURAL BROADCASTING NETWORK TO BE ESTABLISHED TO TARGET MESSAGES ON FOOD PRODUCTION, FAMILY PLANNING AND OTHER NATION-BUILDING PROGRAMS TO RURAL MASSES: (C) SUGGESTION BY MOINUDDIN BAQAI THAT NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN INCLUDE SEPARATE CHAPTER ON POPULATION ADDRESSING ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC PARAMETERS OVER A FIFTEEN-YEAR PERIOD; (D) STRONG ENDORSEMENT BY HEALTH MINISTER RASHID FOR CONTRACEPTIVE

INUNDATION CENTERING ON WIDESPREAD AVAILABILITY OF ORAL  
PILLS; (E) WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR IDEA OF CREATING A  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND POPULATION COMPRISED  
OF EMINENT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

5. IN AFTERMATH OF WALLACES VISIT DECISION WAS TAKEN  
TO INCLUDE MRS. NUSRAT BHUTTO, WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER  
BHUTTO, AS ALTERNATE LEADER OF PAKISTAN DELEGATION TO  
WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE.

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